

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 5354**

LCO No. 2695

**AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICE BONUSES FOR CERTAIN
MEMBERS OF THE CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD AND ARMED
FORCES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 27-61a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

3 (a) (1) As used in subsection (b) of this section, "eligible member or
4 veteran" means a member or former member of the Connecticut
5 National Guard who [(1)] (A) is or was called to active service on or
6 after September 11, 2001, [(2)] (B) is or was in such active service for at
7 least ninety consecutive days, and [(3)] (C) if discharged, is or was
8 honorably discharged or discharged for injuries sustained in the line of
9 duty.

10 (2) As used in subsection (c) of this section, "eligible member or
11 veteran" means a member or former member of the armed forces, as
12 defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, other than the Connecticut
13 National Guard, who (A) is or was called to active service on or after
14 September 11, 2001, (B) is or was in such active service for at least
15 ninety consecutive days, and (C) if discharged, is or was honorably
16 discharged or discharged for injuries sustained in the line of duty.

17 (b) (1) On and after July 1, 2005, the Adjutant General shall pay each
18 eligible member or veteran the amount of fifty dollars for each month
19 or major part thereof of active service by such eligible member or
20 veteran on or after September 11, 2001.

21 [On and before June 30, 2007,] (2) (A) Prior to July 1, 2007, the
22 maximum payment to any eligible member or veteran shall not exceed
23 five hundred dollars.

24 [(2)] (B) On and after July 1, 2007, and prior to July 1, 2016, the
25 maximum payment to any eligible member or veteran under this
26 subsection shall not exceed five hundred dollars, except that such
27 maximum payment shall not exceed one thousand two hundred
28 dollars if, during such active service, such eligible member or veteran
29 is or was deployed to an area designated as a combat zone by the
30 President of the United States.

31 (3) No payment shall be made under this subsection to any eligible
32 member or veteran who makes application for such payment later than
33 three years after the date of the cessation of such operations in which
34 such member or veteran served.

35 (c) (1) On and after July 1, 2016, the Adjutant General shall pay each
36 eligible member or veteran the amount of fifty dollars for each month
37 or major part thereof of active service by such eligible member or
38 veteran on or after September 11, 2001, if, during such active service,
39 such eligible member or veteran is or was deployed to an area
40 designated as a combat zone by the President of the United States. The
41 maximum payment to any eligible member or veteran under this
42 subsection shall not exceed six hundred dollars.

43 (2) No payment shall be made under this subsection to any eligible
44 member or veteran who makes application for such payment later than
45 three years after the date of the cessation of such operations in which
46 such member or veteran served.

47 [(c)] (d) The Adjutant General, in consultation with the

48 Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs, shall adopt regulations, in
49 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement the
50 provisions of this section. Such regulations shall include procedures
51 for verification of eligibility of an eligible member or veteran and for
52 the application for and payment of the amounts specified in this
53 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	27-61a
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